

REMARKS

The substantive allowability of claims 1-4 in the Official Action mailed April 9, 1998 is noted with appreciation. By this Amendment, revisions are made to the claims to avoid the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Revisions are also made to the specification and Abstract to improve syntax with care exercised to avoid the addition of new matter. For reasons discussed below, this application is in condition for allowance.

Independent claim 1 is amended both to include syntax and avoid the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, with respect to the particular issue noted by the Examiner in paragraph 2 of the Official Action. Likewise, claim 3 is amended to avoid the specific objectionable phraseology noted by the Examiner.

Claims 2 and 4 are amended for better clarity.

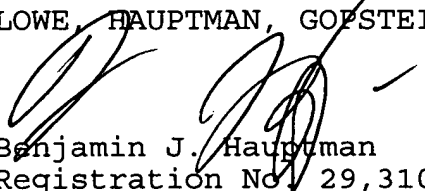
Amendments are made to the specification to improve syntax without adding new matter.

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In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, claims 1-4 are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, an early notification of allowance is courteously solicited.

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